

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Inventor: Mark A. Reiley

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Title: **FACET ARTHROPLASTY DEVICES AND  
METHODS**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

M/S Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response expires on May 28, 2006. Applicant requests a one month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, for which the fee is transmitted herewith, to extend the time for response to June 28, 2006.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

The **Claim Listing** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicant **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.